

REMARKS

The specification stands objected to for grammatical and reference errors. A substitute specification is being submitted herewith (Appendix A). Applicants hereby submit the substitute specification and a redlined copy showing all changes (Appendix B). No new matter has been added. Therefore, the objection should be withdrawn.

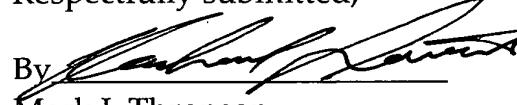
Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Bonnaure et al. (US5,862,339). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-5, as amended, recite, *inter alia*, “telephone number coincidence-checking means for determining whether or not it can be accepted to perform [a] requirement sent from [a] sending source, said telephone number coincidence-checking means includes means which do not hinder the operation of other telephone equipment including a fax telephone and using a common telephone line connected to said home server.” (Emphasis added.) Bonnaure et al. does not disclose this limitation. Bonnaure et al. discloses “the client software … can direct the client to dial its own assumed telephone number. If the dialed telephone number is not busy (i.e. a ring signal or disconnect signal is detected), the assumed client telephone number cannot be correct. If the dialed telephone number is busy, the assumed client telephone number probably is correct; because, most telephone numbers are not busy the vast majority of the time.” Col. 6, ln. 10-18. Bonnaure et al. requires the telephone line to be unavailable to other uses. Since Bonnaure et al. does not disclose all the limitations of claims 1-5, claims 1-5 are not anticipated by Bonnaure et al. Claims 6-9 depend from claim 1 and are patentable at least for the reasons mentioned above. Applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of claims 1-9 be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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